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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

**RE: NOTICE TO CURRENT AND/OR PAST OWNERS
AND OPERATORS OF PROPOSAL TO ADD
CONTAMINATED PROPERTY TO DEQ's
CONFIRMED RELEASE LIST (CRL) AND
INVENTORY**

Oregon Steel Mills-Rivergate
14400 N. Rivergate Blvd., Portland
ECSI ID No. # 141
Basic Preliminary Assessment 28-FEB-90

Dear Mr. Gilpin:

The Oregon Legislature has directed the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) to develop and maintain two lists, the Confirmed Release List (CRL) and Inventory, for the purposes of tracking sites with releases of hazardous substances. The CRL includes all sites where releases of hazardous substances have been confirmed. A release is considered to be "confirmed" when the Department documents a release of a hazardous substance that may pose a significant threat to human health or the environment. The Inventory includes those sites with a confirmed release where the Department has determined that additional investigation or cleanup is necessary. Both the CRL and the Inventory are updated quarterly and made available to the public upon request.

This letter is notification that the Department proposes to include the Oregon Steel Mills-Rivergate site at 14400 N. Rivergate Blvd., Portland on the CRL and Inventory. Because we understand that the information we possess regarding this site may be outdated or incomplete, you have an opportunity to provide any comments you believe will correct or supplement this listing information. All comments must be received by the Department within forty-five (45) days from your receipt of this notice. If you are unable to respond within the initial 45-day comment period, you may request an extension of forty-five (45) days.

The Department reviews and responds to all comments received on listing proposals. State Law (ORS 465.330) requires the recovery, from responsible parties, of all state expenses associated with remedial actions. Therefore, the Department will track its costs in responding to any comments received on the listing proposal for this site.

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After reviewing submitted comments and making its final listing decision, the Department will send an invoice to the responsible party for the costs associated with the review process, unless the comments demonstrate that the site should not be listed. Please note that should you or any other party respond to this listing proposal with a cleanup report, the Department may recover the costs associated with the report review.

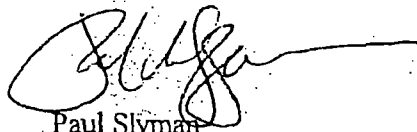
Listing this property does not necessarily mean that you are responsible for the contamination, investigation or cleanup. Responsibility for these activities is prescribed by various provisions in state and federal laws. The site can be removed from either the CRL or Inventory after all necessary actions are taken to ensure protection of human health and the environment. We appreciate the work you have done to clean up or investigate this site and hope we can continue to work together to eliminate threats to Oregon from hazardous materials.

Comments and requests for extensions should be sent to:

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Site Assessment Program
Waste Management and Cleanup Division
811 SW 6th Avenue, 8th Floor
Portland, OR 97204

Enclosed, please find the Site Summary Report for, Oregon Steel Mills-Rivergate, which outlines current site conditions and a fact sheet, which explains the listing process. If you have specific questions about the CRL, Inventory, or site activities, or want copies of the Oregon Environmental Cleanup Law, please contact the Department's listing coordinator Kimberlee Van Patten at (503) 229-5256 or at the address shown above.

Sincerely,



Paul Slyman
Manager
Cleanup Policy and Program Development

Enclosures: Site Summary Report and Fact Sheet
cc: Thomas Gainer, NWR, DEQ
ECSI File # 141